

EXAM-DAY · 90-MIN REVISION CARD

## Human Settlements

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### FORMULAS & KEY RESULTS

SETTLEMENT = compact group of dwellings + functional areas where people work, worship, trade

RURAL vs URBAN: 5 criteria — population size, density, dominant occupation (primary vs secondary/tertiary), administrative status, urban amenities

4 RURAL TYPES (by form):  
COMPACT/clustered · SEMI-CLUSTERED/fragmented · HAMLETED · DISPERSED/isolated

RURAL BY SITE: WET-POINT (scarce water → cluster at spring/well/oasis) · DRY-POINT (waterlogged → on dry mound/levee) · PLANNED (govt-designed colonies)

URBAN FUNCTIONS (Harris 1943): ADMINISTRATIVE · DEFENSIVE · CULTURAL · RECREATIONAL · INDUSTRIAL · MINING · TRANSPORT · TRADING (most cities multi-functional)

URBAN HIERARCHY: TOWN < CITY < MILLION-CITY (>1M) < CONURBATION (Geddes 1915 — merged cities) < MEGALOPOLIS (Gottmann 1957 — Boston-Washington belt)

PROBLEMS in developing countries: housing/slums · water shortage · sanitation · traffic congestion · air pollution → root cause = unplanned urbanisation

### TOP 5 PYQ PATTERNS

**1 Four types of rural settlements (by form)**

5 marks · 85% of years  
Name + explain + one Indian region per type.  
Diagram earns the extra mark.

**2 Functional classification of urban settlements**

5 marks · 70% of years  
Name Chauncy Harris; list 6-8 functions with one named city each; close with multi-functional caveat.

**3 Problems of human settlements in developing countries**

5 marks · 65% of years  
Five problems — housing/slums, water, sanitation, traffic, pollution — with one example. Root cause = unplanned urbanisation.

**4 Rural vs urban distinction**

3 marks · 60% of years  
Three axes — occupational structure, size/density, administrative status & amenities.

**5 Conurbation + megalopolis terms**

3 marks · 55% of years  
Conurbation (Geddes) = merged cities; megalopolis (Gottmann) = super-region of conurbations. Boston-Washington example.

### 90-MIN REVISION FLOW

**0-15 min**

Memorise the FOUR rural-settlement types with one Indian region each (Punjab · Gujarat · lower Ganga plain · Meghalaya).

**15-30 min**

Write the 5-mark 'four rural types' answer with rough sketches in under 12 minutes.

**30-45 min**

Memorise the EIGHT urban functions (Harris) with one named city each and the multi-functional caveat.

**45-60 min**

Drill the urban hierarchy ladder (town → megalopolis) with the Geddes/Gottmann attributions and Boston-Washington example.

**60-75 min**

Take the 15-MCQ Quick Drill on this chapter.

**75-90 min**

Review wrong answers; nail wet-point vs dry-point, conurbation vs megalopolis, and the five urban problems.

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